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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the official Office action with a mail date of June 03, 2005 and a response due date of September 03, 2005, please amend the above-idnetified application as set forth below. Note, since September 03, 2005 fell on a Saturday and Monday September 05, 2005 was a holiday, the response due date is Tuesday September 06, 2005 Entry of said amendment and consideration is respectfully requested.